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PONTIUS, UMPIRE, KNOWN HERE, HELD BY POLICE

Former Base Ball Official Is Charged With Wholesale Thefts of Motor Cars

Muskogee Dec. 30.—Ralph W. Pontius, former southwestern league and Western association umpire, would be

on his way to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth a week hence if the city police of Tulsa had not arrested him last Friday on a new charge of larceny in stolen motor cars.

The situation became known today when Pontius faced a magistrate in Tulsa, to answer a triple complaint filed by G. L. Collins, head of the automobile recovery squad of Tulsa. In the new action in the state courts, Collins, accuses Pontius of auto larceny, receiving stolen property and obtaining money under false pretenses.

The Tulsa police assert that Pontius confessed to them of having disposed of 59 stolen automobiles in and around Tulsa. In every case, the police say the cars disposed of were at the best makes on the market. Pontius dealt principally in Catalacs, he is said to have admitted, although he refused to divulge the names of any of the innocent buyers of the stolen vehicles. His customers ranged from bank presidents to clerks on small salaries, it is known.

Apart to Plead Guilty

W. F. Rampehdahl, assistant United States district attorney, said today Pontius agreed to come into court here next Tuesday and plead guilty to an indictment on two counts of violation of the federal statute prohibiting the interstate traffic of stolen motor cars. Rampehdahl agreed to recommend a sentence of two and one-half years in Leavenworth, he said, as Pontius seemed truly penitent and desirous of clearing the indictment against him.

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STATE NEWS

Blackwell—Many Blackwell citizens were looking skyward this morning, viewing the "day star," which was plainly visible at 10 o'clock from shaded sections. It appeared due south of the zenith.

M'Alister—Sales of intoxicants to Indian minors, students of Jones academy, an old established male college for Choctaw boys near Hartshorne, have caused the arrest by federal enforcement officers of Clinton Goldie and Eva Coleman, proprietors of Hartshorne.

Blackwell—The Blackwell Oil and Gas Co. will pay \$80,000 Friday to the 375 stockholders of the company, the payment being 50 per cent dividend on its capital stock.

Muskogee—Suit for \$21,875 was filed in district court today against Robert L. Owen, United States senator and Wirt Winston in connection with the awarding of approximately \$175,000 by the federal court of claims in 1920 to the Mississippi Choctaws.

Oklahoma City—Mrs. Margaret Allen of Evans City, Pa., sends news of the whereabouts of her father, James Johnson, whom she has not seen since 1916, according to a letter she wrote to Gov. J. E. A. Robertson. She said her father, now 67 years old, went to the 191 ranch near Ponca City to see his sister, Mrs. Eliza J. Williams, then disappeared.

Oklahoma City—A. S. J. Shaw, secretary of the Oklahoma board of school land commissioners, has resigned that position effective January 8, when he will be sworn into office as state treasurer.

Oklahoma City—Sir Harry Lauder, famous singer of Scotch songs, is to be the guest of the chamber of commerce at a luncheon to be given in his honor January 13, it has been announced.

Delegations from all over the state have been invited to the dinner and entertainment will be provided for 500 persons, according to Stanley Deaper, assistant manager of the chamber. Lauder is to give a concert at the collegium.

Oklahoma City—Copper impounding stills, which sit up ready to operate would probably be worth \$8,000, were pounded to pieces and sold for junk by the sheriff's force recently. Forty stills seized in the last eight months were demolished with axes, crow-bars and mallets.

Stillwater—Wrestling by correspondence is the latest offering of Oklahoma A. and M. college, announced by J. R. Campbell, dean of men. The course is offered by E. C. Gallagher, director of athletics.

Stillwater—Cleaners and dyers are offered a two-month short course in their industry at Oklahoma A. & M. college, beginning January 8, it has been announced. Cleaning and spotting, garment dyeing, bushing, finishing, formanship and instructor training will be the subjects studied.

Oklahoma City—The condition of winter wheat improved during the week just ended and considerable plowing and other outdoor work was done on farms as a result of generally fair and unseasonably warm weather, according to the weekly weather and crop report issued here by the United States weather bureau, which averaged 4 to 12 degrees, above normal, the report said.

M'Alister—A 20,000 pound boiler at the city pump station was moved this week to a new location which will enable it to pump water when at a lower stage. Ten teams hitched to horse moving trucks were required to move the boiler.

Cushing—A revival meeting will start at the First Baptist church here on January 3, according to Rev. James P. Peden, pastor of the church.

"Big Jim" Cramer, a well-known evangelist, will conduct the meeting.

Visita—P. A. Rogers, managing salesman for the Ozark Fruit & Berry Shipping Assn., will address a joint meeting of the chamber of commerce and berry and fruit farmers, of the county January 3, when efforts will be renewed to make a small fruit and berry producing country of this section of the state.

Ponca City—The state encampment of the Oklahoma G. A. R. will be held in Ponca City on May 14, 15, and 16, according to announcement received here from J. H. Norton of Oklahoma, the assistant adjutant general. It is understood that about three hundred veterans will attend, and if present plans materialize they will be entertained in a tented village here, the local American Legion post is host.

Oklmulgee—A move to block the appointment of J. W. Scott of Dewar, a justice of the peace of that village, as chief deputy in the office of the court clerk in Henryetta, has been made by Commissioners Joseph Liggett of Henryetta, and Park Wheeler of Okmulgee, according to an announcement made by them today. Miss Eva Russell, court clerk-elect of Okmulgee county made official announcement of her intention to appoint Mr. Scott.

Jay—A modern country home built by Charles V. Alderhold near this city on "tax land" has been awarded to Dora B. Hulse, of Muskogee, a court finding that she was the owner of the land. Alderhold held title by virtue of a tax deed which the court pronounced void. Appraisers appointed by the court valued Alderhold's home at only \$900.

FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS

FRISCO SEEKS APPROVAL FOR ITS PLANS Washington, Dec. 29.—The S.

Loos-San Francisco railroad has sought approval from the interstate commerce commission for its plan to purchase the International-Great Northern railroad in Texas.

Acquisition of the international system would give the Frisco control to the Gulf of Mexico and entrances to the cities of Houston, Galveston and San Antonio. Under the plan the entire stock issue of 75,000 shares of the international company would be acquired at a price of \$2.50 per share.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR BACKACHE, FLEEVES AND BLISS

SALE OF SPANISH TREASURES PROHIBITED

Royal Decree Issued By Spanish King Futs Stop To Churches Selling Old Gold and Silver Pieces

Madrid, Dec. 29.—The sale of artistic treasures from the Spanish churches is prohibited by a royal decree drafted by the minister of Justice today. After consultation with the church authorities, Count

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Romans, has decided to make such sales misdemeanors, punishable with fine or imprisonment to both buyers and sellers.

Agitation for the issuance of such a decree has been in progress for sometime, attention having been centered on the question last July when it was reported that certain 12th century mural paintings were to be removed from the Church of San Brigidella at Sorra for transfer to New York, having been purchased, it was said, on behalf of a prominent American art collector.

STUDENTS FLOCK INTO CHURCH

Stillwater, Dec. 29.—One hundred additions to Stillwater churches, eighty-five of whom are students in Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, have resulted from a religious revival which has just closed here. It was a community meeting in which pastors and members of six Stillwater churches participated.

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